

SDS Holds Small Protest Against C.I.A. Recruiting On Campus

by Bill Rushton

Seven demonstrators, two picket signs, and a stack of three-page "fact sheets" on the Central Intelligence Agency greeted placement interviewees Monday, in a protest demonstration by Tulane's fledgling Students for a Democratic Society.

A sit-in which had been threatened by the organization did not materialize. Eric Gordon, leader of the SDS, said the group had agreed to abide by University regulations on protests.

The regulations were recently sent out in a memorandum by Col. Robert A. Scruton, director of campus security, after conferences between administration officials and SDS representatives. "It is the policy of the University to permit peaceful picketing and demonstrations on the campus...", reports the memorandum, unless the protest interferes with academic or administrative functions or normal recreational activities.

Onlookers included two curious interviewers from the Cities Service Oil Co.; Dr. Henry L. Mason, Chairman of the Department of Political Science; three HULLABALOO editors; and a detective from the Intelligence Unit of the New Orleans Police Department.

Invited On Campus

The detective said he had been invited to the demonstration by Col. Scruton, who earlier had said outside police would be called in "over my dead body."

"I think I'm going to start a demonstration myself for shorter hours," quipped Col. Scruton, who had four of his men stationed in the University Center.

The demonstrators did not appear Tuesday for the second day of CIA interviews, but the same five security officers were at their stations nevertheless.

"I think its stupid," said Michael F. Hornung, an interviewee who claimed four prior years of Marine Corps experience, when questioned about the protest: "I'd just rather not talk about it," said another interviewee who declined to give his name. "No comment" was echoed by two other students and by the C.I.A. representative

by the C.I.A. representative himself, William Gause.

Gause granted the protestors a two-minute interview and accepted one of their mimeographed leaflets. When later questioned on the subject, he said he had not had time to read it, and declined to say if the document would be passed along to any higher officials.

Gause declined to give any information about himself, any previous protests during his recruiting activities, or the nature of his work. An admission that his lapel pin was a Rotary pin and a statement that "I am here to recruit potential employees, to interview any or all that may be interested," concluded his talk with the student press.

C.I.A. Condemned

The SDS leaflet quoted several newspaper articles and books that cited C.I.A. interference in the "internal affairs" of Laos, Burma, South Vietnam, Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

C.I.A.-university links at Columbia and neighboring Loyola, union links in France, Brazil and the U.S., and financial contributions to Radio Free Europe were mentioned in the SDS "open letter," which asked, "Is this the way we're going to let our government of 'free men' and 'open democracy' be represented abroad?"

After meeting Gause, the demonstrators left. One security officer, commenting on the small turnout for the protest, said, "Apparently they don't have the funds the C.I.A. has for recruiting."

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